WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 20TH FEBR UARY, 2001@

Allocation of Funds recommended for Rajasthan and Orissa by the Eleventh Finance Commission

*1. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of amount allocated by the Eleventh Finance Commission to Rajasthan and Orissa out of the Central aid;

(b) whether this amount has been earmarked on the basis of population, backwardness and urgent needs of eaclh State;

(c) if so, the details of amount allocated in comparison, to other States;

(d) whether Government have received any request for more claim by way of reaction from above States; and

(e) if so, the action taken till date thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HNANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The percentage of amount allocated by Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC) to the State of Orissa and Rajasthan in total estimated transfers is 4.77 per cent and 5.42 per cent respectively.

(b) EFC has determined the *inter-se* percentage share, of States in Central taxes and duties on the basis of population, income (distance; method), area, index of infrastructure, tax effort and fiscal discipline. The criteria and the norms adopted by the Commission ha*e been applied uniformly to all States.

@The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, the 20th February, 2001 was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Shri Indrajit Gupta, a sitting Member of the Lok Sabha. Answers to Questions put down in the Lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, the 22nd February 2001.

-(c) The details of amount allocated to States by Eleventh Finance Commission are as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

State	Estimated share in Central taxes and duties	Grants-in-aid.	Total Transfers
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	28980.25	2030.93	31011.18
Arunachal Pradesh	918.22	1396.96	2315.18
Assam	12362.05	918.81	13280.86
Bihar*	54934.90	1793.00	56727.90
Goa	775.22	46.34	821.56
Gujarat	10615.93	1384.29	12000.22
Haryana	3552.44	653.33	4205.77
Himachal Pradesh	2570.25	4890.18	7460.43
Jammu & Kashmir	4854.50	11573.72	16428.22
Karnataka	18552.48	1139.50	19691.98
Kerala	11504.04	812.68	12316.72
Madhya Pradesh*	33258.98	1739.40	34998.38
Maharashtra	17431.05	1956.44	19387.49
Manipur	1377.32	1838.59	3215.91
Meghalaya	1287.01	1674.40	2961.41
Mizoram	745.11	1790.16	2535.27
Nagaland	827.9a	3621.86	4449.76
Orissa	19026.64	1727.86	20754.50
Punjab	4316.37	1112.16	5428.53
Rajasthan	20595.88	2992.75	23588.63
Sikkim	692.43	941.49	1633.92
Tamil Nadu	20264.72	1336.71	21601.43

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Tripura	1832,67	2528.37	4361.04
Uttar Pradesh*	74501.56	4007.74	78509.30
West Bengal	30540.09	4679.76	35219.85
Total	376318.01	58587.39	434905.40

* Including the share of three newly created States of Jharkhand, Chattisgarh and Uttaranchal.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Chief Ministers of Orissa and Rajasthan have mentioned that the EFC has not recommended adequate transfer of resources to their respective State.

The Government of India has accepted the recommendations of the EFC relating to devolution of Central taxes and duties, quantum of grants-in-aid and debt relief to States as contained in its main report for the period 2000-05. The main report of the EFC together with an explanatory memorandum as to the action taken on the recommendations of the Commission was laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament on 27th July, 2000.

Outcome of the visit of European Union Commissioner

*2. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Union Commissioner visited India in the last week of January, 2001;

(b) if so, what subjects of mutual interest were discussed with him;

(c) the agreements reached during the visit and other details in this regard; and

(d) the assistance expected therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Mr. Christopher Patten, European Commissioner for External Affairs visited India in the last week of January, 2001.

(b) Commissioner Patten called on the Minister for External